

THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

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Dear Members:

Vacation time being a period of the past, we now are back again in the groove, with MRAC meetings every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the Conference Room, 2nd floor, Milwaukee Public Library. Before we entirely lose the romantic flavor of the past summer, we wish to repeat a little poem that we thought was "cute".

They walked in silence, for it was late,
He walked ahead to open the gate;
She wanted to thank him but knew not how,
For he was a man and she was a cow.

If all news was slack, one branch would always be able to supply some dope, and that is the vital statistics section. We found, stuck away in that particular column, in the past month, the following item:

Herbert J. Reinke, W9ESQ, father of a son. Congratulations, Herb. Now we know why you looked as you did, and all the time we thought you were a bloated plutocrat.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, has been in town for a few days, getting "shots". He has been transferred from the Navy section of RCA to the Signal Corps section and will be going overseas soon.

We heard that a true music lover is a man who upon hearing a soprano in the bathroom, puts his ear to the keyhole.

Herb Wareing, W9NY, Radio Aide, called a WERS meeting on Aug. 16th, at the Police Training School in the Safety Bldg. Twenty-one operators were present. The ARRL report on WERS licensed localities was read and showed Milwaukee in fourth place in the A group (over 500,000 population). Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, was a visitor at the meeting and gave a nice talk on underwater sound equipment.

Unit # 21 took to the air from the City Hall on Aug. 30th. Efforts are being made to get units # 11 - South Milwaukee Police Station, # 14 - West Milwaukee Police Station, # 15 - Greendale Police Station, # 16 - Wisconsin Sub. Area Control Center (Safety Bldg) built and installed. Unit # 16 is nearly completed and is ready for antenna installation. Units # 14 & 15 are being built. Unit # 11 has not been started.

The first MRAC meeting took place Sept. 7th and 25 members attended. It was a swell turn-out and the Boys had much to talk about.

The second meeting was held on Sept. 14th and 18 members turned out. Harry Barnes, W9PSV, of WPDK, was a visitor. He gave us a talk on the forthcoming scramble for frequencies. As we amateurs haven't the ghost of a chance to compete with commercial interests, our best bet is to stick close to the U.S. Army and Navy, for we know that they are our friends. (Editor's opinion)

Emil Felber, W9RM, read a letter that he received from Capt. Reid Burrows, USMC, W9JLT, in which he mentioned that on the aircraft

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carrier, that transported him to the Southwest Pacific, he met Comdr. "Doc" Wyman, (LC) USNR, W9SZH, who is stationed on the carrier.

It happened at the annual crew race on the Hudson River. Harvard just had nosed out Yale by half a length. Two sea gulls were hovering above. Said one to the other, "How'd you like the race?" "Pretty good", replied the other, "But too bad that Harvard won, for I put everything I had on Yale."

Communications were received from the following:

T/Sgt. Bob Reidel, W9FQO, dropped us a card from New York. It advertised food and drinks at a popular spot which also specialized in a 50¢ hangover breakfast that consisted of: Tomato juice, two raw eggs, dry toast, black coffee, aspirin and the managements sympathy. (W9SYT please note)

Ray Charney, RT 3/C, wrote a V-mail letter from Australia. He has been receiving the Bulletins and is looking forward to the next one.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, dropped us cards from Camden, Asbury Park, Trenton and Indianapolis, and also was at New York and Philadelphia. Wendell carries his own peroxide with him so that if he cannot find a blonde, he establishes his own bleachhead.

Cpl. Gilbert Rink wrote from somewhere in France. He paid us a great compliment by stating, quote, Today I received the pride and joy of the men in the service who are members of the IRAC, "the Bulletin", unquote.

1st Lt. Sid Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, wrote his regular letter from India. Our modesty prevents us from quoting Sid's appreciation for the comments on the Bulletin. Tnx, Sid.

Don Horton dropped us a letter from England. Don is Expert Consultant to a Major General in the ETO. He wanted to know, who of the gang, was over there - Well, the list would be pretty long, so we will have to dispense with it.

Lt.(jg) Louis A Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote a V-mail letter from the Admiralty Islands that took 9 days to get here. Louis, in his best Wollaegeresque manner, Caustically derided the gang that do not acknowledge the Bulletin and those "dam loafers" in Milwaukee that do not attend club meetings. That's telling 'em, Louis.

Roman Hudzinski, ACRL, W9JPS, has been assigned to an aircraft carrier and now has a PPO address.

Capt. D. Wesley Correll, W9FY, has a new address. He did not inform us, but the War Department A.P.O. did. We admire the thoroughness of the APO system. So, Boys, make it easier for them by notifying us promptly of a change in your address.

Lt. Comdr. William Gainer, USNR, W9SO, dropped us a card from California. We surely were glad to hear from you, Bill, and hope we will not have to wait so long again. Bill served 22 years in Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland and England before being stationed in California.

Cpl. Wm. Heinrich wrote us a V-mail letter from overseas. He read of the Bulletin in QST and asked to be put on our mailing list, as he is a Milwaukee lad. He wrote, quote, "The only letters we get are from the women folk, the men never write, unquote. Well, OK, you hit the right party, for we will see to it that you get a Bulletin every month."

Sgt. Bernard Kellner wrote from Texas. He receives the Bulletin regularly and wants "Q18.50 Cigar-neck" to drop him a line. His letter was typed on baby pink paper and in a perambulator blue envelope. We didn't know that the army went in for pastel shades.

Leroy Spanheimer, ART 1/C, exW9AIV, wrote from Florida. He registered a bad case of nostalgia after reading of our jamborees and broke out with reminiscences of former MRAC QSO parties.

Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote from Alaska. He received Bulletin # 8 four days after it was sent. Fred said that they have some wonderful fur parkas up there for the ladies. They run anywhere from \$250 to \$500, plus 20% tax. He wants to know how many he shall order. He enclosed a menu of a dinner given in honor of the Governor of Alaska, which Fred attended as Naval representative. Eight Generals were present and Fred had no privacy whatsoever.

T/4 Ed. Strelczyk, W9ANK, wrote from England. Ed. is studying French and soon should be quite a "parlez Vouzer."

Eugene Mahoney, RT 2/C, W9ZIE, wrote from California where he is at a USN repair base. The 5 meter hams should remember Gene, for he used to sign "In the shadow of the Knickerbocker".

T/Sgt. Eugene Berens dropped us a 5 page letter from Nebraska, where he is now stationed. He gave his army career in chronological order. Gene had a long stretch of service in the South Seas and spent quite a little time lately in being hospitalized at various places. He wrote, quote, "I'm disqualified for another tour of overseas duty. It seems the miseries of old age are creeping up on me. Bad back, bad feet, and bad disposition, unquote."

Just so you won't get out of practise, we give you a little problem in arithmetic in poem form. Hang on to your hats, Boys, here goes:

An oyster met an oyster
And they were oysters two
Two oysters met two oysters
And they were oysters, too.
Four oysters met in a pint of milk
And they were oysters stew!

The MRAC board of directors: N. Barnes, W9CDY; Felber, W9RII; Peschok, W9LJU; Scarvac, W9GIL; Moyer, W9CVL; Doyle, W9CPI; Gottelman, W9IZO; and Kreis, W9HRM, had a meeting on Sept. 19th. One of the items discussed and decided on was to have a real old-fashioned QSO Party as soon as hostilities have ceased and enough of the Boys have returned to make it practicable. We may be a little premature, but you can see that we are doing some post-war planning.

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The Boys, no doubt, always look forward to a "topper offer", so we give you the following:

Liza was in the hospital delivery room suffering terrifically from laboring pains. It was a long drawn out affair and she was in agony. She called the doctor and asked, "Doctor, is my man, Rastus, waitin' outside?" "Yes," replied the Doctor, assuring her that everything would be alright and that Rastus would remain right outside in the waiting room. "Will you please tell him," said Liza, "That if this is his idea of married life, our engagement done am broke off."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. - Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.

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